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1. The [] ship received the following sailing order from Sovromtransport Constanta when they passed Istanbul;

Notice to ships calling at Constanta

Entrance minefield channels. Buoy 'A' red, white light;

Lat. N. 44° 04'. Long. E. 28° 47' 3"

From which take the following courses:

348° - 2,7 miles

303° - 4,7 miles

Sailing from Constanta, from breakwater lighthouse;

123° - 4,7 miles

168° - 2,7 miles."

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The buoy indicated was easily found, and when the pilot came aboard, accompanied by a soldier, [] asked the pilot if there were really mines set out. The pilot just smiled and shrugged his shoulders.

2. An hour before the pilot came aboard, four destroyer-type naval vessels were seen out on the horizon in the northerly direction from Constanta. These conducted shooting practice toward the east at a target towed by a smaller vessel. Shooting from shore was also heard. The distance was so great that further observations could not be made.
3. The inspection was very strict, lasting 4½ hours when the ship lay at anchor in the harbor. On departure, the inspection took 5 hours. There were about 20 persons in the inspection team, as well as a doctor and passport inspectors. No one was permitted to go ashore, and military guards were observed on the wharf.

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4. The 3 or 4 destroyers which usually lie in the naval harbor were not there at the ship's departure. [] these were the ones which had been conducting the shooting practice in the Black Sea. A Soviet tank ship loaded gasoline at the wharf which is reserved for Soviet ships only. The depth along the ship's loading wharf was estimated to be 28 - 30 feet. [] the Soviet gasoline wharf was about 35 feet long. [] the harbor here was going to be deepened so that it would be able to accomodate the largest ships. [] this time there were small commercial craft in the harbor, []
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